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Dear Harry: (Chandler, the Times)

I had thought you would be interested in my effort to save the "Songs of Old California"-- a long labor of love which is now blooming into success-- and I rather hoped you would find some copies useful for Xmas gifts. But I got no answer from my letter to you in October.

I am sending you one for yourself anyhow, as a Xmas token; because I believe while you do not sing yourself nor dote on music, you do love the fine old life of which these Songs were an expression. And has'nt Ed Borein made a classic cover?

The Book is going so well-- 1600 sold before anybody saw it at all-- that I shall be able to get out a "Second Book" next year. All I can make out of this I shall put back into the preservation of more Songs. This appeals to me a thousand times more than what would be far easier for me-- to record in a large Book the melodies simply with the words and a literal translation and some comment all for the "Folklorist". I want to get these "Flowers of our Lost Romance" to blooming in the jazz-grown gardens of my countrymen and give them an immortality in the land where they were born and where everything else of their romantic day has been trampled under feet.

With love and all good wishes for Christmas and the coming New Year,

Always Your Friend,